The pending claims are as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented)   A method for providing complementary information for a video program, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving complementary information for a video program;

receiving a query from a consumer, the query related to a specified portion of the complementary information; and

providing a query response to the consumer based on the specified portion of the complementary information,

wherein said method further comprises:

anticipating complementary information that might be requested by the consumer in response to said received complementary information and consumer profile data collected and stored in user data tables, and storing said anticipatory complementary information,

and wherein said step of providing a query response comprises the sub-steps of:

retrieving the stored anticipatory complementary information; and

providing the anticipatory complementary information as the query response.

2.   (Previously Presented)   The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

determining whether a predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated in the video program; and

retrieving updated information from at least one external data source when the predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said step of receiving complementary information comprising retrieving complementary information directly from the video program.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the consumer profile data comprising data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

automatically storing the consumer profile data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer when the video programs are viewed by the consumer.

8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

storing the consumer profile data identifying video programs previously viewed by the consumer based on manual input by the consumer.

9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

extracting complementary information from the video program using automatic person identification.

10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

receiving a request that the query response be sent to a secondary screen.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein visual elements of the query response are configurable by the consumer.

12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

receiving from the consumer an identification of complementary information as delayed complementary information, and providing the delayed complementary information to the consumer at a later time.

13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the query comprising one of a "who?" query, a "what?" query, a "where?" query, a "when?" query, a "why?" query and a "how much?" query.

14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

        providing a visual indicator to notify the consumer that complementary information is available upon request.

15. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said method further comprises the step of:

        displaying the query response on a secondary screen synchronously with the video program.

16. (Previously Presented) A system for providing complementary information for a video program, said system comprising:

        a complimentary information module including a memory operable to store user data tables and complementary information; and

        a processor operable to receive complementary information for a video program, to receive a query from a consumer, the query related to a specified portion of the complementary information, and to provide a query response to the consumer based on the specified portion of the complementary information,

wherein prior to receiving a query, the processor anticipates complementary information that might be requested by the consumer in response to said received complementary information and consumer profile data collected and stored in user data tables, and storing said anticipatory complementary information,

and wherein, in response to the query, the processor retrieves the stored anticipatory complementary information and provides the retrieved anticipatory complementary information as the query response.

17. (Previously Presented) The system as claimed in claim 16, wherein the processor is further operable to determine whether a predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated in the video program and to retrieve updated information from at least one external data source when the predetermined amount of time has passed since the complementary information was updated.

18. (Cancelled).